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Unification Of Schools, Protection Of Taxpayers' Interests Here Asked

Warning of the danger which lurks ahead for Torrance City School District unless a Board of Education which is pledged to carry out the program of the Charter Committee is elected on March 18, Mrs. Evelyn L. Carr, chairman of the Torrance Parents Association, yesterday reminded voters that no candidate except the five running on the Citizens Committee slate has indicated his or her intention on three all-important subjects:

1. Unification of the Torrance school district.
2. Continuing the campaign against Los Angeles City schools to preserve the property here which rightfully belongs to the taxpayers of Torrance for the use of the children of Torrance.

3. Building the school system which Torrance rightfully deserves at the lowest cost to the taxpayer, taking advantage of every cut, yet making the tax dollar which comes from the tremendous \$50,000,000 assessed valuation go as far as possible.

"This election is of far too great importance to have these points passed up by any candidate," Mrs. Carr declared.

"I speak not only for my own candidacy but for the members of the Charter Committee in declaring that the silence of others who seek membership on the Board of Education can prove a threat to the program for a fine Torrance school system which the taxpayers have endorsed at two elections in the past eight months.

"In order for the elementary and high schools of Torrance to be brought under a single, locally elected Board of Education, another election must be held.

"This election will form the Torrance Unified School District, with jurisdiction over all schools from kindergarten through high school. The Redondo Union high school district Board of Trustees who have so willingly accepted their task of operating the high school for Torrance next year, know that this has been our plan, but actually it is up to the people of Torrance through

W. H. Tolson In Appeal For Okay Of Bond Issue

Urging the approval of the bonds for the new Fire department and Police station, Councilman W. H. Tolson yesterday declared:

"The old central fire station building has been condemned and I, as a city official, do not want to be responsible for any men or equipment who might be in that building, because at the slightest quake, explosion or disaster, the building might fall down and trap all equipment and men inside, with disastrous results to the safety and well-being of the department and the community. This statement is not made because we have a bond issue pending, but the bond issue is the result of the building being in the condition in which we find it at this time.

"I cannot conscientiously sanction the continued use of the building, and as an elected official, charged with the welfare and safety of the people of the community, I do not wish to be held responsible for the well-being of this department or as associated with the safety of the community, if this bond issue does not carry to provide adequate fire and police department headquarters.

"The building was condemned following the earthquake of 1941. 'Now, it is up to the people.'

Three Days Left To Pay Income Tax-Warning

With only three business days left in which to file federal income tax returns, Collector of Internal Revenue Harry C. Westover today warned Southern California taxpayers that the deadline of March 15 will be rigidly enforced.

"Final 1946 returns are due not later than the close of business on Saturday night," Westover said. "These reports must be made by every individual whose total income was as much as \$500.

"Initial declarations of 1947 estimated taxes are also due on the same date. These estimates must be filed by businessmen and professional men whose income is not subject to withholding. They are also required of employees whose salaries are subject to withholding and who will earn more than \$5,000 plus \$500 for each dependent. Married couples are allowed a salary exemption of \$10,000 plus \$500 for each dependent.

"Minor children who earned more than \$500 last year must file their own tax returns and pay their own taxes. Those minors who earned less than \$500 must file returns in order to secure any refund that might be due.

"Taxes may be paid by personal check, money order, cashier's check, postal note, or express check. Cash should not be sent through the mails. No checks for more than the amount of tax due will be accepted.

"All internal revenue offices will be open from 8:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. on deadline day, next Saturday," Westover declared.

Decline Noted In Preventable Diseases Here

With a few exceptions preventable diseases in Los Angeles county are below seasonal averages according to Dr. Henry C. Smiley, Torrance district health officer, following a review of the Los Angeles county weekly health index.

All the contagious diseases of childhood, except diphtheria and poliomyelitis, are lower this year, particularly measles, mumps, scarlet fever, and chickenpox, with whooping cough keeping only slightly below the five-year average with 413 cases as against an average of 488.

CPA APPROVAL

Mrs. Mollie M. Roberts, 502 Carson st., last week obtained Civilian Production Administration approval to build a trailer park utility house at the above address. The cost, \$2,500.

ELECT the CHARTER Committee Candidates to the TORRANCE Board of Education

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—Here They Are:

Evelyn L. Carr

James L. Lynch

Carl D. Steele

Grace W. Wright

Howard A. Wood, M.D.



GRACE W. WRIGHT

Former school teacher; resident of Torrance since 1912; active in youth work; one of the original group who saw the needs of Torrance schools and set out to bring about adoption of the City Charter giving Torrance control.



CARL D. STEELE

With a long record as an executive in organization work and public office; resident and home owner since 1929. His own children, like yours, suffered under the neglect of Torrance schools and he was one of those starting to do something about the matter.



DR. HOWARD A. WOOD

M. D. Degree from Yale. Practiced in California since 1928. Former member of Beaumont Union High School district and Elementary district Boards of Trustees. Active in the Charter movement since 1944.



JAMES L. LYNCH

Hotel owner and former orange grower for 20 years in California. One of the originators of the move to give Torrance children a Junior college, and to withdraw Torrance schools from Los Angeles control.



EVELYN L. CARR

Chairman, Torrance Parents Association, the group which started the move which brought about the writing and adoption of the City Charter; housewife, active church worker; mother of children in Torrance schools; educated and qualified.

PLEGGED TO GIVE YOU THE FINEST SCHOOL SYSTEM IN CALIFORNIA.

WHAT THEY STAND FOR

1. The finest educational advantages for our children.
2. The development of the best public school system in the Southwest; stressing of fundamentals in education.
3. The expenditure of the entire school tax dollar on the schools of Torrance and consequent reduction of the tax rate to the point where Torrance will have the finest schools and lower cost to the people.
4. Advantages previously denied Torrance school children, athletic equipment, gymnasiums, shops, supervised playgrounds.
5. Residence in Torrance where possible of Torrance school teachers, to add to the cultural and civic advancement of the community.
6. Courses of study which will prepare Torrance children for immediate admission to institutions of higher learning.
7. More expansive use of the school facilities by the community; adult education; programs; community activity in the schools, auditoriums, gymnasium.
8. Unification of all Torrance schools under Torrance Unified School district.
9. Opportunities for advancement in music and the arts; public speaking and debating and other subjects neglected here in the past.
10. A coordinated school-municipal recreation program to keep playgrounds open after schools and Saturdays with supervised activities for the children.
11. Strict discipline and control of school children.
12. Vocation training in all the trades of this industrial city.
13. Adequate preparation of the children to face life upon graduation.
14. A voice in the school affairs of Torrance for the people of Torrance.
15. The best teachers and administrators for our schools.
16. Control by the people of Torrance of their own schools.
17. Improvement, renovation and modernization of the schools of Torrance.
18. New schools to serve rapidly expanding outlying areas.

You Owe It to Your Children to Assure the Election to the First Torrance Board of Education of the Group Pledged and on the Record to Give you the Best School System Possible for Less Money.

- They have studied your school problems and know the answers.
- They fought for you and gave you control of your own schools.
- You know where they stand on the education needs of your children.
- They are honest, upright and distinguished citizens.
- They are thoroughly familiar with the job of running your schools.

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO ELECT
Members of the
CHARTER COMMITTEE
to the
TORRANCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Fay L. Parks	Chairman
Friderick Cook	Vice Chairman
Mrs. Myra Beeman	Treasurer
Mrs. Ethel Derouin	Secretary
Michael L. Fanwick	Director
Frank S. Selover	Director
Janet S. Austin	Dr. W. J. Harrison
Bill J. Austin	Mrs. W. J. Harrison
Virginia Alverson	Dr. W. I. Laughon
Mrs. Audrey Bacon	Mrs. W. I. Laughon
H. C. Barrington	Howard G. Locke
Mrs. Cora Bohrer	Mrs. John B. Melville
Dr. John W. Beeman	Mrs. Howard E. McDonald
Bronson C. Buxton	Howard E. McDonald
Von Bergan	Luther Mumford
Mrs. Von Bergan	Selma M. Morris
Mrs. Norman Blackhall	Margaret M. Palmer
Frances B. Clark	Emma M. Roberts
Mrs. Lois Clark	Helen C. Selover
Harwood Clark	Mrs. Nina Shider
Gil Y. Derouin	Leroy E. Snodgrass
R. J. Deisinger	Mrs. Frances Snodgrass
W. N. Felker	Charles E. Ward
Mrs. Laura B. Felker	Mrs. Hazel Ward
Harvel L. Gittenfelder	Grover C. Whyte

SOUSAPHONER . . . Wayne Michels, youthful member of the Torrance Area Youth band, is pictured above blowing a low note on the recently purchased Sousaphone. The instrument will be paid for by the local group through ticket sales here for their first anniversary program to be conducted April 11 in the Torrance high school auditorium. (Torrance Herald photo)

Day Reported Improving From Crash Injuries

Howard L. Day, ARM 3/c, former Torrance High school youth who escaped death last Feb. 22 when a Coast Guard mercy plane crashed in Lower California killing 10 of 12 men aboard, this week is reported to be recuperating from recent surgical operations to his injured leg. Since entering the Naval hospital in San Diego, Day has graduated from the U. S. Coast Guard Radio school. An additional operation is expected soon providing his condition improves, a relative said here yesterday.

Are You A Midnight SNACK EATER

Some people just enjoy a midnight snack . . . and we agree that it is a good idea for us to enjoy a bite to eat before we go to bed too! Well . . . it is also a good idea to visit Daniels for same . . . for we've a list of midnight specials designed to just hit the spot!

Our GUESTS of HONOR

—for the following week are:

- FRIDAY, MARCH 14
Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Jones, Gaylord Apartments, 1116 Sartori Ave.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 15
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Shanahan Jr., 1311 Acacia Ave.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 16
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Chaykowski, 1507 Madrid Ave.
- MONDAY, MARCH 17
Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Youngken, 1453 1/2 W. 219th St.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 18
Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. McDonald, 1626 Beech Ave.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
Mrs. Margaret Pullman and guest, 1225 Cota Ave.

You Folks Please Come In—
DINNER IS ON THE HOUSE!
JUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF!

Eat with Charlie at
Daniels Cafe
1625 Cabrille — Torrance
Look for Your Name Next Week!
We Never Close!

Palos Verdes College Council Is Announced

Winfield S. Rash of San Pedro has been elected temporary chairman of the Palos Verdes college council, formed to supplement the work of the college's board of trustees.

Dr. Richard P. Saunders, president of the college said the council will work to bring about a close relationship between the communities of the peninsula. He said that plans are being made "for the opening of the college in temporary quarters in the fall."

A maximum enrollment of 250 boarding students and 500 commuting students is planned when the college is fully developed.

Site for the college, to offer a two-year course, covers 70 acres facing the ocean at an elevation of 1,000 feet in the Palos Verdes hills, given conditionally by the Palos Verdes Corp. headed by Kelvin C. Vanderlip and Bernard van der Steen, Los Angeles hotel operator.

Other council officers named at the session held at the Palos Verdes Estates library include Mrs. C. C. Moore, vice chairman, and Capt. Adolph P. Schneider, chairman of a committee to present a statement of the purpose and scope of the council at the next meeting. Other committee members are Kenneth E. Kingman and Mrs. Robt. C. Shaeffer.

GEORGE LARSON GETS PROMOTION IN MARINE CORPS

Marine Private First Class George A. Larson, 18, son of Mrs. Louise E. Dale, 1437 W. 215th st., Torrance, was promoted recently to that rank. Private Larson attended Torrance high school before enlisting in the Marine Corps last August.